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USAREUR FOR AEAPA, FKFT FOR AFN-LCL MCBRIDE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETEL ITU GW GR GE WB YO

SUBJ: LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE; SITREP NO. 3

REF: GENEVA 7801

1. US TEAM MET THIS MORNING WITH KUPPER AND OTHER KEY
MEMBERS FRG DELEGATION.

2. KUPPER REPORTED THAT HIS MEETING YESTERDAY WITH HEAD OF
GDR DEL WAS FRUITLESS. GDR REP STATED THAT HE SAW
NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT. IN RESPONSE KUPPER'S COMMENT THAT
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DISCUSSIONS ARE THE BEST WAY TO APPROACH RESOLUTION OF

MUTUAL PROBLEMS, GDD REP SAID HE WOULD THINK ABOUT IT. KUPPER WILL TRY FOR DISCUSSION SOONEST AND WILL KEEP US TEAM INFORMED. IN ANY EVENT, HUFFCUTT WILL MEET WITH KUPPER PRIOR TO THE US-GDR DISCUSSION WO10:00 AM TOMORROW, OCT 16.

3. KUPPER'S SCHEDULED MEETING THIS MORNING WITH YUGOSLAVIA REPS WAS SCRUBBED BY THEM. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE FOR MEETING YET TODAY OR MORNING TOMORROW. FRG REPS DID REPORT ON AN EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH GOY REPS DURING RECENT CEPT MEETING AT COPENHAGEN. AT THAT TIME GOY INDICATED IT MIGHT CONSIDER PROTECTING VOA-KALAVA ON 792 KHZ IF FRG CLEARED 612 KHZ (AFN) AND 1269 KHZ (AN FRG BROADCAST FREQNCY); THAT DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, PRECEDED THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS NOW NOTIFIED BY GOY (REFTEL).

4. AS RESULT LIMITED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FRG AND GOY REPS IN COMMITTEE 4 (PLANS) ON THE ONE HAND, AND FRG SPECULATION ON THE OTHER, FRG HAS REQUESTED OUR REACTIONS TO FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

A. THE PROPOSED 1500 KW POLISH TRANSMITTER AT KATOWICE ON 1080 KHZ WOULD DISRUPT RADIO BREMEN'S CONUED USE OF 1080 (HZ WHICH IT NOW ON. RADIO BREMEN HAS SUGGESTED IT BE ASSIGNED 612 KHZ WHICH IS PRESENT REQUIREMENT FOR AFN KAISERSLAUTERN, NUERNBERG AND GRAFENWOEHR. THE THREEAFN STATIONS WOULD BE SHIFTED TO 1107 KHZ AND SYNCHRONIZED WITH AFN MUNICH WHICH NOW ON 1107 KHZ. RADIO BREMEN WOULD PROVIDE A NEW CRYSTAL ASCILLATOR FOR MUNICH TO INSURE NECESSARY STABILITY. BREMEN WOULD ALSO INSTALL A DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA ON 612 KHZ IN ORDER PROTECT RECEPTION OF RADIO SAREJEVO ON 612 KHZ IN FRG SOUTHWARD OF BREMEN. IF BREMEN'S USE OF 612 KHZ NOT POSSIBLE DUE OBJECTION BY EITHER US OR GOY, BREMEN'S ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL IS TO USE AFN BERLIN'S PRESENT 936 KHZ AND THAT A REPLACEMENT FREQUENCY BE ASSIGNED AFN. (COMMENT: MORTENSEN OF AFN FRANKFURT OFFICE OF OPINION THAT PROPOSED USE OF 1107 KHZ IS FEASIBLE; POSSIBLE NEW ASSIGNMENT AT BERLIN CAN NOT BE ASSESSED UNTIL SPECIFIC FREQUENCY IS PROPOSED).

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B. AT TECHNICAL LEVEL GOY REPS HAVE INDICATED THAT RADIO SAREJEVIS PROBLEMS WITH GDR AND USSR ON 612 KHZ HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND ONLY REMAINING PROBLEM IS TO MOVE AFN OFF 612 KHZ IN FRG. FURTHER, GOY WANTS FRG TO VACATE RIAS 684 KHZ IN ADDITIONAL TO FRG'S 1269 KHZ. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE FRG HAS LATELY RECEIVED INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE CONCESSIONS BY GOY IS NOT CLEAR, BUT US-FRG DISCUSSION THIS MORNING POINTED TO FOLLOWING IN EXCHANGE

FOR 612 AND 684 KHZ:

- 1) GOY DELETE REQUIREMENT FOR 792 KHZ (VOA-KAVALA)
- 2) GOY DELETE REQUIREMENT FOR 990 KHZ (RIAS-BERLIN)
- 3) GOY DELETE REQUIREMENT FOR 1197 KHZ (VOA MUNICH)
- 4) GOY INSTALL DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA ON 1107 KHZ

IN YUGOSLAVIA TO PROTECT AFN IN FRG.

IF ABOVE CONDITIONS SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOY, ONE
FURTHER CONDITIN WOULD BE THAT GDR ALSO VACATE 990 KHZ
IN ORDER CLEAR CHANNEL FOR RIAS.

5. KUPPER STRESSED THAT NO PROPOSALS PER SE HAVE YET
BEEN MADE TO GOY AND THAT NONE WOULD BE MADE UNTIL
COORDINATED WITH US. US TEAM POINTED OUT THAT ANY
ENDORSEMENT OF POSSIBLE REARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE ON BASIS
THAT THE TRADE-OFFS WOULD BE EFFECTED AS PROPOSED; ANY
CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO RECORRDINATED.

6. FRG HAS SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING
AFN-STUTTGART'S PRESENT 10 KW TRANSMITTER ON
1142 KHZ WITH AN FM TRANSMITTER AT NO INCREASE IN COST
OVER PRESENT LEASED AM TRANSMITTER.

7. FRG EARLIER SUGGESTED INTERCHANGE OF FREQUENCIES
BETWEEN PRESENT RIAS-BERLIN 990 KHZ AND RFE-HOLZKIRCHEN
720 KHZ. HOWEVER FRG'S COMPUTER RUN SUBSEQUENT TO GOY'S
LATEST FILING INDICATES INTERCHANGE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

8. THE LF SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE 4 IS PROCEEDING
AGGRESSIVELY. IN REGARD 209 KHZ, PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT
FOR THE US ONE MEGAWAT STATION AT MUNICH, MOROCCO
AND USSR HAVE BOTH STATED CONDITIONS, I.E., MOROCCO
WANTS RADIATED POWER REDUCED BY 3 TO 4 DB IN DIRECTION
FO MOROCCO, AND USSR WANTS REDUCTION OF 10 DB TOWARDS
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THE UKRAINE IN ORDER PROTECT COVERAGE OF EXISTING STATIO
AT KIEV DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. AT THIS POINT NEITHER
MOROCCO NOR USSR HAS OBJECTED TO ASSIGNMENT OF 209 KHZ
AT MUNICH, NLY TO LEVEL OF POWER. US TEAM NOTED
POSSIBILITY OF 3 DB REDUCTION IN DIRECTION MOROCCO,
BUT THAT 10KB IN DIRECTION UKRAINE REQUIRES STUDY.
WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT FRG MIGHT COUNTER USSR BY
ASKING FOR A 10 DB REDUCTION IN POWER OF THEIR KIEV
STATION ON 1197 KHZ IN ORDER PROTECT VOA TARGET
AREA. US TEAM NEEDS WASHINGTON ASSESSMENT OF MAXIMUM
FLEXIBILITY THAT IS FEASIBLE IN POWER/ANTENNAS
OF MUNICH STATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SEVERAL
POSSIBLE OPERATORS, (VOA, BIB AND RIAS). SPECIFICALLY,
IS A DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA SYSTEM FOR THE STATION
PRACTICAL, AND IF SO, THE ORDER OF MAXIMUM GAIN AND

SUPPRESSION?

9. COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD PARAGRAPHS 4, 5, 6
AND 8 ABOVE, ARE REQUESTED ASAP.

10. GIVEN THE GAST MOVING SITUATION THAT LIKELY WILL
DEVELOP AND CONSEQUENT NEED FOR PROMPT REPORTING BY US
TEAM, A WEEKLY SITREP WILL PROBABLY NOT BE NEWSY. THEREFORE,
WE INTEND TRANSMIT SERIALLY NUMBERED SITREPS
CASE-BY-CASE AS NECESSARY INCLUDING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.
THEREFORE, GENEVA 7801 SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS SITREP NO.

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